

WASHINGTON, DC- Today, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced that a total of \$11,573,631 million has been awarded to the Cities of Fresno, Huron, Parlier, Sanger and Selma to address the full-time sworn police officer needs in those cities. Funding was released through the US Department of Justice COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

“Our police departments have been hit hard by the sluggish economy, so these grants could not come at a better time,” Costa said. “We need to ensure our city streets and neighborhoods remain safe, and federal investment in our local police departments is one of the best ways to deter crime.”

“I am extremely grateful to the federal government for this grant because it will prevent officers from being laid off and allow us to continue our crime fighting efforts,” Chief Jerry Dyer said.

City of Fresno: \$10,235,445: 41 Officers Awarded

Huron Police Department: \$135,944: 1 Officer Awarded

Parlier Police Department: \$252,554: 1 Officer Awarded

Sanger Police Department: \$518,954: 2 Officers Awarded

City of Selma: \$430,734: 2 Officers Awarded

CHRP grants will provide 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for three years for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions (including filling existing

unfunded vacancies) or for rehired officers who have been laid off, or are scheduled to be laid off on a future date, as a result of local budget cuts.

Police departments receiving the grants will then be required to retain the grant funded positions for a fourth year. The funding provides much needed support to state and local government budgets, and will help the nation's law enforcement agencies add and retain the manpower needed to fight crime more effectively through community policing.